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SUBJECT: FISCHER, Lutz, Alias VASILE, Ladislau, Illegal Jewish evacuee from Rumania and Hungary, Illegal border crosser from Styria to Upper Austria.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. On 17 August 1946 Subject was apprehended by border control troops of "D" troop, 24th Constabulary, as he was attempting to cross the border from British occupied Styria into Bezirk Kirchdorf, Upper Austria without a proper allied Travel Permit. He was held as a prisoner for trial by NS court and interrogated by this agent with a view to determining organizations and means by which he had been evacuated from Rumania and Hungary.

2. Subject claims to have been born in Brasov, Rumania on 28 November 1918. He is possession of a Rumanian birth certificate which states this to be his place of birth. Upon completing preliminary schooling in Brasov, he states that he attended the University of Prague and in 1940 became a doctor of Medicine. During the period of German occupation in the Balkans, Subject claims that he was in no way bothered by the Germans, though he is Jewish, but assigned to a technical institute in Budapest for bacteriological research. Upon the arrival of the Russian troops in Budapest, he went to Bucarest and remained in hiding under a series of false names, (none of which he claims now to be able to remember) during the summer of 1945 in Bucarest, there were plans first formulated for the evacuation of Jews to Palestine. Subject was brought there under a false name with false papers by JOINT to Budapest and lodged in the "Children's Home", across the street from the "Elizabeth School", Andraszka street Nr. 8, Budapest, both owned by JOINT. About 9 September 1945, Subject was evacuated from Budapest and brought illegally over the Austro-Hungarian border between St. Gotthard and Fering. Shortly after arrival Subject was arrested, tried and found guilty by British military court on a charge of smuggling 200,000 Austrian Schillings from Hungary to Austria, and sentenced to six months imprisonment in Judenburg. He was released at Admont, where he presumably obtained a job as doctor in the camp hospital. On 16 August 1946 he left Admont, intending, he claims to visit a friend in Mindernichel, KAUFMAN, Ladislau, living in Mindernichel, Block 26. On 27 August 1946 Subject was evacuated by the Austrian police from the Kirchdorf town jail to the Styr NS court, to stand trial for illegal border crossing.

3. Subject gave the following information about his evacuation from Rumania and Hungary. Since the summer in 1945 there was no branch of office in the JOINT, in Rumania, all Jews desiring to emigrate, were sent to KISNU, A.I. a Jew, administrative head of the "Office of Emigration", located Bucarest, Strada Otetari Nr.5, and believed by Subject to be a representative of JOINT.

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Here he was given a yellow identity card certifying that he was registered by the office for emigration to Palestine. He was also sent to joining "Anti-Fascist Organisation for Evacuated Hungarians in Budapest", located at Kiskun Munkacsy street Nr. 168 or 162. The leader of this was a Jew named FEIGI, (phon) head of the Beamtenschaft in Budapest. Feigi then issued all applicants a pink identity card written in Russian, made out in a false name (e.g. that of Subject in the name of VASILE, Ladislau) giving further a false date of birth, and stating the place of birth as some town in Hungary, in order that the persons could be evacuated as Jews from Rumania to Hungary. The identity card says further that the "bearer of this document was deported by the German and Hungarian Fascists from May 1944 to 5 May 45 and was liberated by the Red army. This (document) proves that the bearer is a member of our organization". Upon arrival in Budapest, the person then reported directly to JOINT and was assigned to one of the three or four large barracks, housing 3000-4000 persons in Budapest. The only two Subject could locate by address were Elisabeth School in Andrássy street, about Nr. 30 and the "Kinderheim - Children's Home", located across the street from the Elisabeth School. At the Kinderheim, the next set of false identity papers were issued by a Jew named BORNSTEIN, Bernhard, the leader of the Kinderheim. This document written in Hungarian, Russian, German and English (see sample submitted herewith) was usually made out in the right name but stated a false place of birth, somewhere in the American occupied zone of Austria or Germany. It stated that he had been interned in a concentration camp, since which time he had been under the protection of the International Red Cross in Budapest, and was presently journeying back to his home country. All authorities were requested to assist him in his efforts. Actual evacuation across the Austro-Hungarian border was accomplished illegally by foot. In groups of thirty to forty the Jews rode with the train from Budapest to St. Gotthard, where they disembarked and waited in a Gasthaus close to the R.R. station, just over the border in Austria to guide them over the border. From Faring they made their way alone to Judenberg and Graz (at which point Subject was arrested). Eventually such individuals were collected at the Jewish DP Camps in Admit and Windermichel.

4. At the time of his arrest, Subject had in his possessions a list of other JOINT centers at which help in the above plan for emigration could be obtained, and places where illegal transactions with dollars could be made. They are:

JOINT:	Budapest	- Hungaria Krt. 149
		Aristel Szallada
	Graz	- Meranstrasse 38
	Udine	- Cinema Rex-Via Fieberle Deciasi
	Milano	- Via dell'Unione 5
	Bucaresti	- Calea Mosil 168
For illegal exchange of dollars:		
	Budapest	- Batiscsi III, 37-38 (Bendi)
	Szenbathely	- Szell Kalman 33 (Csary)
	Milano	- Piazza Vittorio Emanuele (NAAFI)
	Bucarest	- Bd. Bratislava 16 V 6, Telephone 35396

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